GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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REGISTRATION FOR JOB SEEKERS AND ISSUE OF FAMILY CARDS TO WORKERS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether registration of job seekers and issue of family cards to them, pre-requisite for watching the extent of employment provided to each worker were not observed despite repeated recommendations of the Parliamentary Committees;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to enforce these requirements?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) to (c): While there was earlier a provision for registration and issue to family cards to persons Below the Poverty Line seeking employment, the same was discontinued when the Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) wasrestructured w.e.f. 1st April, 1999. The restructured Scheme is open to all the rural poor who are in need of wage employment. Since the Programme is self-targetting in nature and only minimum wages are to be paid, it is envisaged that only persons Below the Poverty Line would seek unskilled work under the EAS.